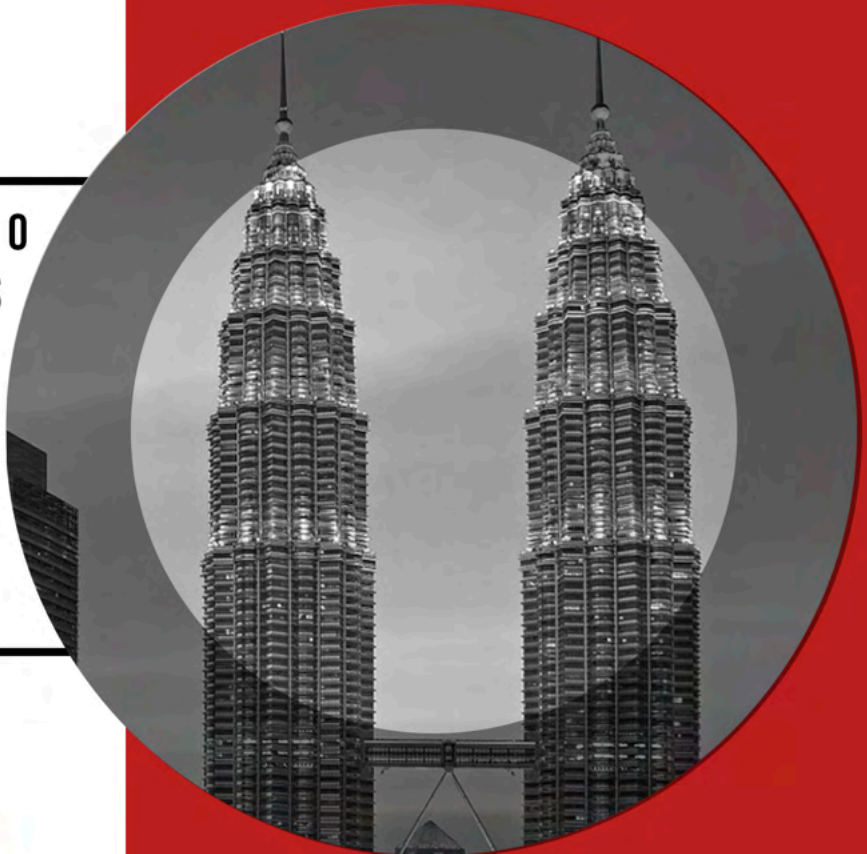


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SO I WENT DOWN TO
THE POTTER'S
HOUSE, AND THERE
HE WAS WORKING
AT HIS WHEEL.
(JER 18:3)



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JOYOUS!

WORDS OF TRUTH

Christmas is coming and let it be a Joyous Christmas to all of you. We the church of our Lord Jesus Christ have the utmost privilege to bring joy to all people. We are appointed to be joy givers to a world that is in despair filled with insecurity and fear. After almost two years now with the pandemic; many people are not sure about what lies ahead. This Christmas, offers us another great opportunity to bring joy, love and hope to our community.

The church offers joy to all people by bringing the truth of God's word. There should be no hold backs when preaching the the truth of God's word. It may not be easy to the ears but it seeks a response of repentance and gives a joyous life to the hearers. In Nehemiah 8:10 it says :

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10



Pr.

Justin Segar



The people sorrowed because their hearts were not aligned to God, today many are trapped in sorrow. The truth of the word brought by God's servant had a transformative effect on the community. This joy is received out of a heart that is convicted, changed and empowered by words of truth. Only through a life lived by Christ Jesus there is joy.

As leaders, let's bring joy by preaching the word of God as in Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of [a]human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

In Acts 8:8 it says, 'And there was great joy in that city.' When Philip preached the word to the Samaritans; with deliverance and healing experienced by the people. Let us bring the truth of God's word without fear or fervor to our people.

Let the church be transformed by the powerful preaching of the word and the demonstration of love by His people. May the people be strengthened to face the future with a new hope.

A Joyous Christmas to all!

LISTENING & LEARNING



Pr.
Tay Wah Seng

I have learned over the years as a pastor and leader on the importance of listening to people and to God. It is so important and yet so much neglected.

We have focused so much on the art of speaking and so little on the art of listening.

What if I tell you that listening to others is much more important than speaking?

By actively listening to others, whether it is in a one to one or group situation, I have learned much concerning myself, life, love, the other person and many spiritual things.

In my opinion, the gift of not speaking (listening) is a much greater gift than the gift of speaking.

When you take time to listen, you take a giant step toward becoming a servant leader.

The Apostles James said:

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" - 1:19

1. People yearn to be heard.

They have so much going on in their life and head, that they hope there is someone who is willing to just sit and listen to them. We can help people so much by patiently listening to them.

Most people often forget that we have one mouth and two ears, which means we should listen twice as much as we speak.

I feel it's an occupational hazard that as pastors and leaders that we often speak without listening properly. We give advice that people are not asking.

By listening patiently, we understand what people's needs, problems, struggles, hopes, desires and disappointments are.

2. Resisting the urge to talk is not easy at all.

But when we humbly listen and respond adequately to the other person, we convey love, empathy and comfort to them.

I have also discovered that sometimes, something magical happens while we listen and they talk to us, people find answers concerning themselves, life and others issues.

We may not always have the answers to their problems. Neither do we need to feel we must have the answers. In situations like this, we honestly admit that we don't know how to help them and offer to pray for them. They appreciate your sincerity and integrity.

People like to talk but seldom like to listen to others.

So why don't you help someone today by listening to what they have to say? Make them feel comfortable and let them speak.



WHAT DOES **THE LORD** REQUIRE OF YOU?

We all have expectations of God. However, what is more important is God's expectation of us.

Micah 6:8 tells us clearly: *"He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?" (NASB)*

The Lord wants us to do what is right and just to others (JUSTICE); love being kind to others (SHOW MERCY); and live humbly before God in obedience (HUMILITY). These three characteristics when practised by all of us can and will turn the tide against corruption, poverty, racism, gender inequality and greed. It will bring reconciliation and redistribution of wealth in our society. It will make the world a better place—something that we all yearn, pray for and desire.



Rev.

Elisha Satvinder

The book of Micah tells us that Israel had neglected justice. The powerful were oppressing the powerless (2:1-2, 8-9; 3:1-3, 9-10). The working people were being exploited (3:10). The courts were corrupt (3:11). God calls them out. God expects all His children to value and practice justice. Why? God loves justice (Psalms 11:7, 33:5, 99: 4). He is a God of justice (Psalm 50:6; Isaiah 30:18). Justice is close to His heart.

*But you have neglected the more important matters of the law - justice, mercy and faithfulness.
(Matthew 23:23)*

If we say we seek God, then we must also seek justice. We must re-examine how we treat the oppressed and the poor. God identifies with the poor, the widow and the refugee. He stands with them. Jesus made this very clear:

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:25-26)

Justice is about equal treatment of all persons regardless of race, gender or social class. We are all made in the image of God. No one should dominate the other. Justice is about looking out for those who can't look out for themselves – widows, orphans and refugees. Justice is about radical giving and generosity.



Jesus commands us: *"Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none" (Luke 3:11).*

God also expects us to love mercy. The word "mercy" (Heb. hesed) expresses more than emotions and feelings. It involves action on behalf of someone who is in need. It describes a love, loyalty and faithfulness that inspires merciful and compassionate behavior towards another person. This word is closely related to God's covenant with His people. God's covenant expresses His faithfulness, mercy, compassion and amazing grace to us. In the same way, loving mercy goes deeper than social expectations and our changing emotions and opinions on what is deserved or not deserved.

It is a committed love that is demonstrated through both words and actions.

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

This is not always easy! We see so much human need everywhere. It floods into our screens from social media. It is easy for our hearts to harden and our minds to judge. It is easy for us to say, "These people are manipulative. They are taking advantage of our care, etc." It is then we need to hear God say once again, "What do I require of you? Live justly, love mercy, walk with Me."

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and loving-kindness and truth go before Your face." (Psalm 89:14) (NKJV)

Both justice and mercy are foundational to God's character. When we love mercy, we engage in intentional actions that bring God's kingdom to people, assuring them of God's lovingkindness. Finally, the source of loving mercy and acting justly must be anchored in our humble walk with God. Without this at its core, the two former traits become mere religiosity. To walk humbly with God is our call. It is a consistent, habitual relationship with God. It is a lifestyle of moving away from egocentric behavior and bringing ourselves under God's leading. We turn away from the need to be better than others and move towards simple acceptance of the gifts that God has given us.

We can bow before God during times of prayer, sit before Him when reading His Word and stand before Him at formal worship services. We can get

excited about God in certain seasons of life. But all this falls short of walking with God. To walk with God means being aware of God always. It is being with God in common everyday things, everywhere – not just on Sunday, not just in church.

The prophet Micah asks a crucial question in the midst of injustice and violence in society: "What does God expect of you?" "You" refers to you and me. This is a personal question that requires a personal response.

The answer is clear: Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

We want our nation to turn around and our world to be a better place? Let us embrace Micah 6:8 each day, in everything that we do

WHAT'S STOPPING YOUR **PERSONAL REVIVAL**

Rev.
Doug Kelly



There are three things stopping personal revival - confusion, compromise and comfort. Personal revival is more than speaking in tongues, fasting, Bible reading, worship and witnessing. The pandemic has created a spirit of confusion as our minds have been consumed with masks, quarantine and vaccine. Yet, God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor 14:33).

Many of us have compromised our testimony by overindulgence in food, alcohol, hobbies or habits that don't glorify the Lord. Instead of freedom, we are in bondage. Yet, God says, "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed" (John 8:36).

The greatest obstacle to personal revival is comfort. We have become the happy frog sitting in warm water as the fire of circumstances gradually burns away our very life. True comfort comes from the God of all comfort (2 Cor 1:3).

God is calling us to return to Him (Joel 2). Many have begun to "blow the trumpet" and declare that the day of the Lord has come. It's a day of darkness and gloom as the nation's suffer (Joel 2:2-6). And in the midst of all the confusion and chaos caused by the pandemic, the Lord says, "Return to me with all of your heart" (Joel 2:12).

It's time to check our personal boundaries and redig our well of consecration to the Lord. Boundaries mark ownership and serve as notice to trespassers. The earth is the Lords (Ps 24:1) and He sets the boundaries (Ps 104:9). There will be no personal revival without resetting a fence of holiness, prayer and humility.

Rogationtide is an old English custom for boundary checking. Once a year the spiritual and local government leaders walked the boundary of the village – praying, reading scripture and checking for encroachments.

When was the last time you walked around your personal spiritual boundaries? (1 Cor 11:28)

Some encroachments that need to be dealt with are pride, anger and lack of personal discipline in basic Christianity (Bible reading, prayer, witnessing, giving, worship and fellowship)

Doug & Cathy Kelley





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